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In re Application of:

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**Request for Oral Hearing
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Sir:

Appellants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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